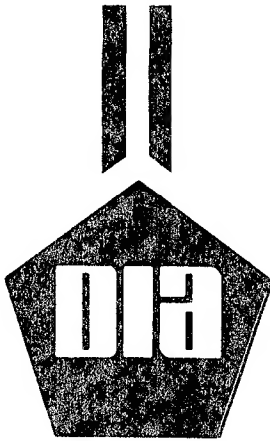


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(S) The refined categorization system has helped the Intelligence Community make estimates for the alert, dispersal, and mobilization of divisional units. It was developed through exhaustive research that led to publication of the Interagency Intelligence Memorandum — The Readiness of Soviet Ground Forces. Moreover, this system allows a more accurate assessment of the type and duration of training required to convert mobilized units into cohesive, proficient formations that can conduct effective combined-arms offensive operations in a mid- to high-intensity combat environment.

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Warsaw Pact			
Previous System		Current System	
Number of Divisions	Description	Description	Number of Divisions
80	Category I (NATO CAT A) 75-100%	Full-strength Ready >95% (FSR)	52
		Reduced-Strength Ready (I) 70-85% (RSR I)	39
44	Category II (NATO CAT B) 50-75%	Reduced-Strength Ready (II) 55-70% (RSR II)	33
124	Category III (NATO CAT C) <50%	High-Strength Cadre 25-40% (HSC)	61
		Low-Strength Cadre 5-25% (LSC)	63
31	Mobilization Bases	Mobilization Bases	31
Total 279			Total 279

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(U) Comparison of Divisional Categorization Systems for the Warsaw Pact (Categories Expressed as a Percentage of War-Authorized Strength).

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Appendix I
Warsaw Pact Operational Organization
and List of Maneuver Divisions by Current
and Previous Categorization Systems

(S) The Theater of Military Operations (TVD) is a wartime organization. The subordination of armies, corps, and divisions shown below reflects peacetime location and most likely wartime designation. These organizations could be assigned to other theaters if required.

TVD and Headquarters, Army, or Corps	Division ID	Current Categorization System	Previous Categorization System
Western TVD ¹	7 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
	44 G ABN DIV	HSC	III
Group of Soviet Forces in Germany (GSFG)			
1 Guards Tank Army	9 TD	FSR	I
	11 GTD	FSR	I
	20 GMRD	FSR	I
U/I Guards Army	16 GTD	FSR	I
	21 MRD	FSR	I
	94 GMRD	FSR	I
	207 GMRD	FSR	I
3 Shock Army	7 GTD	FSR	I
	10 GTD	FSR	I
	12 GTD	FSR	I
	47 GTD	FSR	I
8 Guards Army	27 GMRD	FSR	I
	39 GMRD	FSR	I
	57 GMRD	FSR	I
	79 GTD	FSR	I
20 Guards Army	6 GMRD	FSR	I
	25 TD	FSR	I
	32 GTD	FSR	I
	35 MRD	FSR	I
German Democratic Republic Military District III HQ	4 MRD	FSR	I
	7 TD	FSR	I
	11 MRD	FSR	I
	6 MRD	MOB	MOB
	Torgau MRD	MOB	MOB
	Irfersgruen MRD	MOB	MOB
Military District V HQ	1 MRD	FSR	I
	8 MRD	FSR	I
	9 TD	FSR	I
	Anklam MRD	MOB	MOB
Central Group of Forces (CGF) CGF HQ	15 GTD	FSR	I
	18 GMRD	FSR	I
28 Corps	30 GMRD	FSR	I
	31 TD	FSR	I
	48 MRD	FSR	I
Czechoslovakia Western Military District	Kromeriz MRD	MOB	MOB
	Havlickuv Brod MRD	MOB	MOB
	Slany TD	MOB	MOB

¹ (S) Western Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet and national forces in the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, and Poland, and Soviet forces in the Baltic, Belorussian, and Carpathian Military Districts (MDs).

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1 Army	1 TD	RSRI	I
	2 MRD	RSRI	I
	19 MRD	RSRI	I
	20 MRD	RSRI	I
4 Army	3 MRD	HSC	III
	4 TD	RSRII	II
	9 TD	RSRII	II
	15 MRD	RSRII	II
Eastern Military District	13 TD	HSC	III
	14 TD	HSC	III
Northern Group of Forces (NGF)			
NGF HQ	20 TD	FSR	I
	90 GTD	FSR	I
Poland			
Ministry of National Defense, HQ	6 ABN DIV	RSRI	I
	7 SEA LDG DIV	RSRI	I
	Gdansk Mech Div	MOB	MOB
	Prudnik Mech Div	MOB	MOB
Pomeranian Military District	8 Mech Div	RSRI	I
	12 Mech Div	RSRI	I
	15 Mech Div	HSC	III
	16 Armor Div	RSRI	I
	20 Armor Div	FSR	I
Silesian Military District	2 Mech Div	HSC	III
	4 Mech Div	RSRI	I
	5 Armor Div	FSR	I
	10 Armor Div	RSRI	I
	11 Armor Div	RSRI	I
Warsaw Military District	1 Mech Div	HSC	III
	3 Mech Div	LSC	III
	9 Mech Div	LSC	III
Baltic Military District			
Baltic MD HQ	3 GMRD	LSC	III
	24 TD (TNG)	HSC	III
	56 GMRD	LSC	III
	Chernyakhovsk MRD	LSC	III
	107 MRD	LSC	III
	Pabrade MRD	MOB	MOB
11 Guards Army	1 GMRD	RSRI	II
	1 GTD	RSRI	II
	26 GMRD	LSC	III
	40 GTD	HSC	III
Belorussian Military District			
Belorussian MD HQ	120 GMRD (former)*	RSRI	I
	45 GTD	HSC	III
5 Guards Tank Army	8 GTD	HSC	III
	29 GTD	HSC	III
	193 TD	HSC	III
7 Tank Army	3 GTD	HSC	III
	34 TD	HSC	III
	37 GTD	HSC	III
28 Army	50 GMRD	LSC	III
	Marina Gorka MRD	MOB	MOB
	6 GTD	RSRI	II
	46 GTD	HSC	III
	Brest TD	LSC	III

* (S) The 120th GMRD has recently converted from a division into a new army-corps-type structure.

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Carpathian MD HQ

24 MRD	RSRI	II
66 GMRD	HSC	III
117 GTD	HSC	III
8 Tank Army		
23 TD	RSRI	I
30 GTD	LSC	III
50 TD	LSC	III
13 Army		
51 GMRD	LSC	III
97 GMRD	LSC	III
161 MRD	LSC	III
38 Army		
17 GMRD	LSC	III
70 GMRD	LSC	III
128 GMRD	RSRI	II
Yarmolinty MRD	MOB	MOB

Southwestern TVD²
Southwestern TVD HQ
Southern Group of Forces (SGF)
SGF HQ

98 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
13 GTD	FSR	I
19 GTD	FSR	I
93 GMRD	FSR	I
254 MRD	FSR	I

Hungary
5 Army

7 MRD	RSRII	II
8 MRD	RSRI	I
9 MRD	RSRI	I
11 TD	RSRI	I

3 Corps

4 MRD	HSC	III
15 MRD	HSC	III

Bulgaria
Ministry of National Defense HQ

8 INF DIV	MOB	MOB
15 INF DIV	MOB	MOB
23 INF DIV	MOB	MOB

1 Army

1 GMRD	HSC	III
28 MRD	RSRII	II

2 Army

2 MRD	RSRI	I
17 MRD	RSRI	I
19 MRD	HSC	III

3 Army

3 MRD	RSRII	II
7 MRD	RSRI	I
18 MRD	HSC	III

Romania

1 Army

1 MRD	RSRI	I
57 TD	RSRII	II

2 Army

9 MRD	RSRI	I
10 MRD	RSRII	II
67 MRD	RSRII	II

3 Army

2 MRD	RSRII	II
18 MRD	RSRI	I

4 Army

11 MRD	RSRI	I
81 MRD	RSRII	II
6 TD	RSRI	I

Odessa Military District
Odessa MD HQ

92 GMRD	HSC	III
28 GMRD	HSC	III

² (S) Southwestern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet and national forces in Hungary, the national forces of Bulgaria and Romania, and Soviet forces in the Kiev and Odessa MDs.

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14 Army	59 GMRD	HSC	III
	86 GMRD	LSC	III
	180 MRD	LSC	III
	Kagul MRD	LSC	III
32 Corps	126 MRD	LSC	III
	157 MRD	LSC	III
	Sovetskiy MRD	MOB	MOB
Kiev Military District			
Kiev MD HQ	36 MRD	LSC	III
	48 TD	HSC	III
	Voroshilovgrad MRD	HSC	III
	Zhdanovka TD	MOB	MOB
1 Guards Army	25 GMRD	LSC	III
	Konotop MRD	LSC	III
	72 GMRD	HSC	III
	41 GTD	HSC	III
	Piriyatin MRD	MOB	MOB
	Uman MRD	MOB	MOB
6 Guards Tank Army	20 GTD	HSC	III
	22 TD	HSC	III
	42 GTD	HSC	III
	75 GTD	HSC	III
	Krivoy Rog TD	MOB	MOB
Southeastern TVD ³			
Southeastern TVD HQ	104 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
Transcaucasus MD HQ	100 GMRD	HSC	III
4 Army	Kirovabad GMRD	LSC	III
	60 MRD	LSC	III
	75 MRD	RSRII	II
	Baku GMRD	LSC	III
7 Guards Army	15 MRD	LSC	III
	127 MRD	RSRII	II
	164 MRD	RSRII	II
31 Corps	10 GMRD	LSC	III
	145 MRD	LSC	III
	147 MRD	RSRII	II
	Kutaisi MRD	MOB	MOB
North Caucasus Military District			
North Caucasus MD HQ	19 MRD	HSC	III
	24 GMRD	HSC	III
	Volgograd MRD	HSC	III
	Uryupinsk MRD	LSC	III
	Novocherkassk TD	LSC	III
	Prokladny MRD	MOB	MOB
Krasnodar Corps	9 MRD	HSC	III
	Novorossiysk MRD	LSC	III
	Bakinskaya MRD	LSC	III
Turkestan Military District			
Turkestan MD HQ	4 GMRD	HSC	III
	83 GMRD	HSC	III
	114 GMRD	LSC	III
UI Corps	58 GMRD	HSC	III
	88 MRD	HSC	III

³ (C) Southeastern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in the North Caucasus, Transcaucasus, and Turkestan MDs and Afghanistan.

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40 Army	103 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
	5 GMRD	FSR	I
	108 MRD	FSR	I
	201 MRD	FSR	I
Northwestern TVD ⁴			
Northwestern TVD HQ	76 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
Leningrad Military District			
Leningrad MD HQ	63 GMRD	HSC	III
6 Army	131 MRD	RSRII	II
	54 MRD	RSRII	II
	111 MRD	LSC	III
	Murmansk MRD	MOB	MOB
	Petrozavodsk MRD	MOB	MOB
Arkhangelsk Corps	69 GMRD	LSC	III
	77 GMRD	LSC	III
30 Corps	45 GMRD	RSRII	II
	64 GMRD	LSC	III
Far East TVD ⁵			
Central Asia Military District			
Central Asia MD HQ	80 MRD	HSC	III
	Dushanbe MRD	LSC	III
	203 MRD	LSC	III
Semipalatinsk Army	155 MRD	RSRII	II
	78 TD	RSRII	II
	71 MRD	MOB	MOB
17 Corps	8 GMRD	LSC	III
	68 MRD	RSRI	I
Far East Military District			
Far East MD HQ	Lyalichi MRD	HSC	III
	199 MRD	HSC	III
	Spassk Dalniy MRD	LSC	III
	Skovorodino MRD	LSC	III
	Lyalichi TD	RSRI	II
	Lesozavodsk MRD	RSRI	II
5 Army	40 MRD	RSRII	II
	123 MRD	RSRII	II
	Shkotovo MRD	LSC	III
	Sergeyevka MRD	RSRII	II
	29 MRD	RSRI	II
15 Army	73 MRD	LSC	III
	Lermontovka GMRD	RSRII	II
	Khabarovsk MRD	LSC	III
35 Army	192 MRD	RSRI	I
	265 MRD	RSRII	II
	21 GTD	RSRI	I
	Zavitinsk TD	RSRI	II
Yuzno-Sakhalinsk Army	Burevestnik CDD	FSR	I
	33 MRD	RSRII	II
	79 MRD	LSC	III
25 Corps	22 MRD	RSRII	II
Birobidzhan Corps	266 MRD	LSC	III
	272 MRD	RSRII	II
	Birodibzhan	LSC	III

⁴ (S) Northwestern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in the Leningrad MD.

⁵ (S) Far East Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in Mongolia and the Far Eastern, Transbaikial, Siberian, and Central Asian MDs.

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Siberian Military District
Siberian MD HQ

13 MRD	HSC	III
56 MRD	HSC	III
85 MRD	HSC	III
Omsk MRD	LSC	III
Itatka MRD	HSC	III
Abakan MRD	HSC	III
Abakan MRD	MOB	MOB
Biysk MRD	MOB	MOB

Transbaikal Military District
Transbaikal MD HQ

Borzya MRD	HSC	III
49 TD	HSC	III
Nizhneudinsk MRD	LSC	III
Nizhneudinsk MRD	MOB	MOB

Ulan Ude Army

Gusinozersk MRD	LSC	III
Ulan Ude MRD	LSC	III
Shelekov MRD	LSC	III
5 GTD (former)*	FSR	I
Gusinozersk MRD	MOB	MOB

36 Army

11 GMRD	RSRII	II
38 GMRD	RSRII	II
122 GMRD	RSRII	II

39 Army

12 GMRD	RSRII	II
41 MRD	FSR	I
Sumber Suma MRD	RSRI	II
2 GTD	FSR	I
51 TD	FSR	I

Strategic Reserve⁶
General Staff HQ
Moscow Military District
Moscow MD HQ

106 G ABN DIV	FSR	I
2 GMRD	RSRI	I
32 GMRD	LSC	III
53 GMRD	HSC	III
Tambov MRD	LSC	III
Kursk MRD	LSC	III
4 GTD	RSRII	II
60 GTD	LSC	III
Mulino MRD	LSC	III
Klintsy MRD	MOB	MOB

Ural Military District
Ural MD HQ

34 MRD	HSC	III
78 MRD	HSC	III
163 MRD	LSC	III
Perm MRD	LSC	III
44 TD	HSC	III
153/5 MRD	MOB	MOB

Volga Military District
Volga MD HQ

43 MRD	HSC	III
96 MRD	LSC	III
Totskoye MRD	HSC	III

* (S) The 5th GTD has recently converted from a division into a new army-corps-type structure.

⁶ (S) The Strategic Reserve is composed of the Moscow, Volga, and Ural MDs. The forces in these districts will be assigned, as required, to any of the five theaters of operations.

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(G) ABN DIV	— (Guards) Airborne Division
(G) MRD	— (Guards) Motorized Rifle Division
(G) TD	— (Guards) Tank Division
CDD	— Coastal Defense Division
Mech Div	— Mechanized Division (Polish equivalent to MRD)
Armor Div	— Armored Division (Polish equivalent to TD)
Sea Ldg Div	— Sea Landing Division
Inf Div	— Infantry Division

Current Categories:

FSR	— Full-Strength Ready
RSRI	— Reduced-Strength Ready I
RSRII	— Reduced-Strength Ready II
HSC	— High-Strength Cadre
LSC	— Low-Strength Cadre
MOB	— Mobilization Base

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